You complained about motor checking. Your complaint will be forwarded to the Police Commissioner for enquiry.

The remaining representations will be considered.]

87. Needs of Colachel.

MR. SIVATHANU PILLAI CHOCKALINGOM PILLAI (*Municipal Council, Colachel*) who made his representation in Malayalam, spoke about the following needs of Colachel :-

1. One of the Munsiffs' Courts at Padmanabhapuram should be transferred to Colachel. The necessity for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Colachel was urged at many of the previous sessions of the Assembly. Many of the cases filed in the Padmanabhapuram Munsiff's Court were from the *pakuthies* of Manavalakurichi, Kadiyapattanam, Colachel, Midalam and Kizhmidalam. Most of these *pakuthies* were eight and nine miles away from the Court. Hence, a Munsiff's Court should be established at Colachel, a central place in respect of all the *pakuthies* mentioned above.

2. A Magistrate's Court should be established at Colachel. The Colachel town, which was a thickly populated place, a commercial centre and had a port, had a Magistrate's Court formerly, but it was subsequently abolished. The fact that there was a Magistrate's Court at Eraniel did not mitigate the hardships of the people of Colachel in this respect.

3. A pier should be constructed at the Colachel port, to afford better facilities for the export and import of goods. The Colachel town stood in the fore-front in the matter of commerce and industries. Colachel port had more shipping facilitites than any other port in Travancore, as ships could safely anchor at about a distance of 450 feet from the shore. The importance and the business of the port was increasing year by year. The necessity for an important harbour in the State would be keenly felt when the Cochin Harbour works were completed, especially as the Alleppey port would lose much of its importance. As a result of repeated representations in the Assembly about the matter, in 1913 the Government sanctioned the construction of a pier at Colachel. In reply to a representation made at the 18th session, it was stated that the estimate for the work had been prepared and the same would be sanctioned soon. In 1103, the preliminary works connected with the pier were begun. But the work was subsequently stopped. The member, who represented about the subject at the last session, was told that the matter would be considered. Better attention should be bestowed on the matter and a pier should be constructed at the port at a very early date.

4. A road should be opened through the northern boundary of Colachel town to Tengapattanam. At the last session, the member who represented about the need for the road was told that the matter would be referred to the Road Board. The Road Board had not done anything in the matter yet. Hence the Government should take the necessary steps for the opening of the road. Further, most of the roads in

the town were in disrepair and their condition was becoming worse every day on account of increased traffic. The town roads should be metalled.

5. The hospital at Colachel should be rendered more useful to the public. The necessity for converting the dispensary into a hospital was urged at the previous sessions of the Assembly, but nothing was done in the matter. The dispensary was at present housed in a very small building, unfit for the purpose. The necessity for putting up a new building with in-patient wards was also pressed at the previous sessions of the Assembly and the Government had promised to provide funds for a new building in the budget. The number of patients was increasing daily. The number of patients who had resorted to the dispensary during the first seven months of the current year was 12,000. The in-patients numbered 180. Hence the dispensary should be converted into a hospital at a very early date and should be housed in a new suitable building.

6. All the liquor shops should be removed from within municipal limits.

7. The Chemmankulam tank should be repaired and made useful to the public, at the cost of the Government. The Municipality had no funds to take up the work.

8. The grant origianally allowed to the Municipality from the Government should be revived. The Municipality had no money to attend to the needs of the town. The grant to the Municipality should hence be revived.

9. The homœopathic dispensary conducted in the town should be encouraged by the award of a grant-in-aid. The institution was a very useful one to the public and deserved encouragement at the hands of the Government.

DEWAN'S REPLY: നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ഏതാനും ചില വിഷയങ്ങൾക്കുമാത്രം മറുപടി പറയാം. ശേഷമുള്ള സംഗതികളെല്ലാം ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ആലോചനയ്ക്കു വിഷയീഭവിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

ഒന്നാമതായി നിങ്ങൾ പറഞ്ഞത് ഒരു മുൻസിഫ്കോടതി സ്ഥാപിച്ചുതരണമെന്നാണ്. ഇതിനെസംബന്ധിച്ചു കഴിഞ്ഞയാണ്ടിൽ ലാസ്സ്ഡിലേസ്സ് കമ്മീഷണർക്കയച്ചു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ തീരുമാനം അനുസരിച്ചു് ചെയ്യാമെന്ന മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞു. അതിന്മേൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറു നടപടിയൊന്നും നടത്തിയില്ല എന്നാണ് നിങ്ങളുടെ പരാതി. എന്നാൽ ലാസ്സ്ഡിലേസ്സ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ ജോലിമുഴുവനും തീർന്നിട്ടില്ല. എൻകയറി (enquiry) നടന്നുവരുന്നതേയുള്ളൂ. കമ്മീഷണരുടെ റിപ്പോർട്ടു വന്നശേഷം അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

പിന്നീട് നിങ്ങൾ കുളച്ചൽ ആശുപത്രിയെപ്പറ്റിയാണ് പറഞ്ഞത്. ആശുപത്രിക്ക് ഒരു കെട്ടിടം കെട്ടുന്നതിനു ബഡ്ജറ്റിൽ പണം അനുവദിക്കാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിലേക്കാവശ്യമുള്ള എസ്റ്റിമേറും പ്ലാനും തയ്യാറാക്കി വരികയാണ്.

കുളച്ചൽ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിക്ക് ൫൦൦ രൂപാ മുമ്പേ ഗ്രാൻറു കൊടുത്തുകൊണ്ടിരുന്നു; ഇപ്പോൾ അതു നിറുത്തിക്കളഞ്ഞു എന്നു നിങ്ങൾ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് ഏതാനും കിണറുകൾ കുഴിക്കുന്നതിനാണ് ൫൦൦ രൂപാ അനുവദിച്ചിരുന്നതു്. ആ തുക കിണറുകുഴിക്കാൻ ചിലവാക്കാതെ വേറെ ഒന്നിനായി ചിലവാക്കി. ഈ വർഷവും ൫൦൦ രൂപാ അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അതു കിണറുകുഴിക്കാനായി പ്രത്യേകം നീക്കിവച്ചിരിക്കയാണ്. കിണറു കുഴപ്പിക്കുന്നകാര്യത്തു അതു് തരും.

[I shall reply to one or two specific points raised by you. The others will be considered by Government. The question of establishing a Munsiff's Court will be taken up after the report of the Law's Delays Commissioner is received. The estimates and plan for the Colachel Dispensary building are under preparation, A grant of Rs. 500 was sanctioned to the Colachel Municipality in 1105, but the Council did not spend the money on sinking wells. This year too a similar amount has been provided; but it will be disbursed only if the wells are sunk.]

88. Needs of the Neyyattinkara taluk.

MR. KANAKKU NARAYANA PILLAI GOVINDA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara taluk, Group II*) who made his representation in Malayalam, first spoke about the difficulties experienced by the agriculturists of the taluk for want of irrigation facilities. The Government once had an idea of utilising the Kodayar water for irrigating the paddy fields of the Neyyattinkara taluk also. But as this proposal did not materialise, the people urged the necessity for working out the Aruvikara Irrigation scheme, which also met with the same fate. As a next step, the necessity for improving the irrigation tanks of the taluk was urged upon the attention of the Government. Out of the 800 irrigation tanks in the taluk, only 60 tanks had been restored so far. At the present slow rate of progress, it would take years to finish all the tanks. The improved methods of cultivation, modern agricultural implements, improved manures etc; now made available to the ryots by the Department of Agriculture would be of no use, if there was no adequate supply of water for irrigation purposes. It would appear that the Government had first allowed Rs. 25,000 for irrigation works in the taluk in the current year's budget, but subsequently it had been ordered that only Rs. 15,000 need be spent for the purpose. If it were for want of funds that such an order was issued, it was deplorable that a reduction was